

Area: Instruction and Learning Resources
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The American River College Library courses teach vital research skills that enable students to achieve success in their college classes, their careers, and their day-to-day lives. Students will learn research skills to cope with the information-rich environment in which they live. In particular, students will learn how to find and critically evaluate information from a wide variety of sources to meet their information needs.

Library

LIBR 102 Introduction to Library Resources 1 Unit

Hours: 18 hours LEC

This course introduces basic library services and resources. It covers the services and functions of an academic library and includes the skills needed to retrieve information from print and electronic resources using the library catalog, online databases, and the Internet. Access to and use of an academic library are required.

LIBR 310 Introduction to Genealogy Research 1 Unit

General Education: AA/AS Area III(b)

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 18 hours LEC

This course introduces genealogy research methods utilizing sources dating from colonial times to the present. Topics include evaluating and choosing genealogical resources, developing skills to analyze data, and organizing family history information using print forms or a software program.

LIBR 318 Library Research and Information Literacy 1 Unit

Advisory: ENGWR 102 and ENGRD 116; OR ESLR 320 and

ESLW 320; and CISC 300 with a C or better.

General Education: AA/AS Area III(b)

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 18 hours LEC

This course provides the information literacy skills necessary to conduct academic or personal research. It offers a step-by-step guide to the research process that is applicable to research papers, course work, and life-long learning. Emphasis is placed on learning effective search strategies, selecting information tools, locating and retrieving information sources, analyzing and critically evaluating information, and using the information in an ethical manner.

LIBR 320 Introduction to Internet Research 1 Unit

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 18 hours LEC

This course introduces the use of the Internet for academic research. It covers the scope of information available on the Web, presents various Web search tools, and provides strategies and techniques for locating and evaluating appropriate Web resources. This course also explores social and ethical issues concerning the Internet.

LIBR 325 Internet Research Skills 3 Units

Advisory: CISC 300; and eligible for ENGRD 310 or ENGRD 312

AND ENGWR 300; OR ESLR 340 AND ESLW 340.

General Education: AA/AS Area III(b)

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course surveys the content, use, and evaluation of electronic information sources. Emphasis is placed on the effective use of the Internet as a research tool. It covers Internet resources including the deep Web, Web portals, online databases, and library catalogs. Communication services such as email, newsgroups, listservs, blogs, and social networks are also studied as are Web 2.0 and other emerging technologies. Database search strategies, techniques, and critical evaluation of information are covered. Historical and social issues surrounding the Internet are also discussed.